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REMARKS

This is submitted in full response to the outstanding Office Action of November 28, 2000 on the merits of the above-identified case.

In particular, the Applicant respectfully points out that the reference to Kim (5,707,384) relied upon by the Examiner can be distinguished from the present claimed invention in that the Kim device recites no structure to prevent the lancet from moving towards and into the cocked orientation after it has moved into the piercing orientation, as provided by the Applicant's amended independent claims. Specifically, the cooperative structure